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PATENT

Docket No. 400-009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andrea F. Bell

Entitled: UTILITY APRON

Filed: July 28, 1997

Serial No.: 08/901,713

Group Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: J. Foster

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U.S. PATENTS AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Washington, D.C. 20231

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

Applicant hereby submits this Continued Prosecution

Application ("CPA") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) to continue

prosecution of pending non-provisional U.S. Application Serial

No. 08/901,713 referenced above. Applicant concurrently submits

with this CPA an Amendment and Response to the Final Office

Action dated 17 November, 1998 and a Petition and Fee for a three

month extension of time. Applicant requests that the CPA utilize

the file jacket, including the specification, drawings,

Declaration, and Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

contained therein, of Application Serial No. 08/901,713. Please

enter the Amendment and accord the CPA the same serial number as

the parent application, i.e. Serial No. 08/901,713.

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05/19/1999 SLUANG1 01 FC:231 02 FC:203 Upon entry and acceptance of this CPA, Applicant requests that the prior application, previously prosecuted as Serial No. 08/901,713, be abandoned.

A check for the fee of \$ 914.00 is attached. The amount of the check was calculated as follows:

1.	Basic Filing Fee - Utility:	\$ 380.00
2.	Independent claims in excess of 3:	
	(0 claims X \$ 39.00 per claim)	\$ 0.00
3.	Dependent claims in excess of 20:	
	(11 claims X \$ 9.00 per claim)	\$ 99.00

4. Fee for 3 month extension of time: \$ 435.00

Total \$ 914.00

The above fees reflect small entity status. A small entity statement was filed with the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

Dated: May 17, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen T. Sullivan Reg. No. 32,444

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Date of Deposit May 17, 1999
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington; D.C. 20231.

Lisa Mansur